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ACTIVITY REPORT INFORMATION CONTAINED HEREIN REPRESENTS PRELIMINARY ANALYSIS OF  
SIGINT AVAILABLE TO USJ-794 AS OF 151200Z SEPTEMBER 1966. SECTION ONE - SURFACE  
TO AIR MISSILE LAUNCHES IN THE DRV ON 14 SEPTEMBER 1966. ON 14 SEPTEMBER,  
SIGINT REFLECTED A MINIMUM OF FOUR MISSILE LAUNCHES FROM SAM SITES LOCATED AT  
1842N 10542E (V1416) AND 1841N 10544E BETWEEN 0457 AND 0459Z. ELINT REFLECTED

ONE OF THESE WAS IMPACTED AT 1841N 10544E, WHILE  
THE OTHER PROBABLY EQUATES TO THE SAM SITE AT 1842N 10542E. IN A POST LAUNCH  
REPORT, FROM 0612 TO 0625Z, DRV MULTICHANNEL COMMUNICATIONS CONFIRMED THE LAUNCH  
OF ONE MISSILE, BY A SAM SITE AT 1842N 10542E, WHEN A SPEAKER AT THE SAM SITE  
REPORTED TO HIS REGIMENTAL CONTROLLER THAT, "ALTITUDE WAS 10 METERS, WE FIRED  
FIRST ONE AND THAT WAS ALL". THE TIME FOR THE MISSILE LAUNCH AND OTHER LAUNCH  
DATA WERE NOT REPORTED. OPERATIONAL REPORTS INDICATE THAT A TOTAL OF SEVEN  
MISSILES WERE OBSERVED BY U.S. PILOTS ON 14 SEPTEMBER. THREE OF THESE MISSILES  
WERE SIGHTED BETWEEN 0457 AND 0458Z, IN THE VICINITY OF 1845N 10552E, WITH ONE  
OF THE MISSILES DESTROYING A NAVY A1H AIRCRAFT. THESE MISSILE SIGHTINGS AND THE  
SUBSEQUENT SHOOTDOWN EQUATE WITH THE MISSILE LAUNCHES REFLECTED IN ELINT, AND  
POSSIBLY TO THE MISSILE LAUNCH REFLECTED IN DRV MULTICHANNEL  
COMMUNICATIONS. SIGINT DID NOT REFLECT THE OTHER FOUR MISSILES WHICH WERE  
OBSERVED IN --(8)89006 9. 2106N 10705E AT APPROXIMATELY 0905Z. THE LAST U.S.  
AIRCRAFT LOSS TO A DRV MISSILE LAUNCH WAS ON 27 AUGUST. SECTION TWO - POSSIBLE  
DRV MIG REACTION TO U.S. AIRCRAFT WEST OF HANOI. ON 14 SEPTEMBER, DRV AIR  
SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG'S IN A POSSIBLE  
REACTION TO TWO HOSTILE AIRCRAFT, APPROXIMATELY 50 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF  
HANOI. BETWEEN 0944 AND 0127Z, DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES REFLECTED A  
HOSTILE TRACK, IDENTIFIED AS TWO AIRCRAFT, ENTERING THE DRV FROM LAOS AND  
FLYING EAST TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY 35 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTHEAST OF HANOI AT  
1005Z. THE HOSTILE FLIGHT THEN FLEW NORTH NORTHWEST TO A POSITION 40 NAUTICAL  
MILES NORTH OF HANOI AT 1008Z, THEN TURNED WEST FOR TWO MINUTES AND AT 1010Z  
THE HOSTILE TRACK TOOK A SOUTHWESTERLY HEADING AND WAS LAST NOTED OVER LAOS AT  
2006N 10330E. THE TWO PHUC YEN BASED MIG'S, WHICH WERE IN POSSIBLE REACTION,  
WERE FIRST REFLECTED ON DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES AT 1002Z, SIX NAUTICAL  
MILES NORTHEAST OF HANOI. THE MIG'S THEN FLEW SOUTH TO A POINT APPROXIMATELY  
15 NAUTICAL MILES SOUTH OF HANOI AND THEN WESTERLY. FROM 1015 TO 1016Z, THE MIG  
AND HOSTILE TRACKS FLEW A PARALLEL COURSE, ON A SOUTHWESTERLY HEADING,  
APPROXIMATELY 50 NAUTICAL MILES WEST OF HANOI. THE CLOSEST APPROACH OF THE  
MIG'S TO THE HOSTILE FLIGHT OCCURRED AT 1015Z, WHEN THE TWO TRACKS WERE  
APPROXIMATELY 12 NAUTICAL MILES APART. AT 1016Z, THE MIG FLIGHT TURNED EAST AND  
AT 1017Z, NORTHEAST AND RETURNED TO THE VICINITY OF PHUC YEN WHERE TRACKING  
CEASED. COMPUTED GROUND SPEED FOR THE MIG'S WAS 463 KNOTS, WHILE SPEEDS FOR THE  
HOSTILE FLIGHT RANGED FROM 600 TO 1000 KNOTS. ALTITUDES OF 9842 AND 19,685 FEET  
WERE REPORTED FOR THE HOSTILE FLIGHT, WHILE NO ALTITUDES WERE REFLECTED FOR THE  
MIG FLIGHT. BASED ON THE COMPUTED SPEED OF THE DRV MIG FLIGHT, THE REACTING  
FIGHTERS WERE PROBABLY MIG-21'S. SECTION THREE - DRV MIG REACTIONS TO U.S.

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AIRCRAFT EAST OF HANOI ON THE MORNING OF 14 SEPTEMBER. FROM 0218 5TO 0310Z, DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE AND TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED A MINIMUM OF 14 MIG'S, AT LEAST FOUR OF WHICH WERE MIG-21'S, IN REACTION TO 12 HOSTILE AIRCRAFT APPROXIMATELY 35 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF HANOI, TWO OF WHICH SUBSEQUENTLY RESULTED IN AIR ENGAGEMENTS. DRV AIR SURVEILLANCE FACILITIES INITIALLY REFLECTED THE HOSTILE AIRCRAFT AT THREE DIFFERENT POINTS: THE FIRST FLIGHT 30 NAUTICAL MILES NORTHEAST OF HAIPHONG AT 0218Z; THE SECOND FLIGHT APPROXIMATELY 33 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF HAIPHONG AT 0229Z. FROM 0225 TO 0310Z, DRV TACTICAL VOICE FACILITIES REFLECTED FOUR MIG-21'S, STAGING FOR PHUC YEN, ON A DEFENSIVE PATROL IN REACTION TO ALLIGHT OF 2/4 LEC LE AIRCRAFT, WHICH WERE APPROXIMATELY 39 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF HANOI. THIS PATROL CONSISTED OF TWO FORMATIONS, OF TWO AIRCRAFT EACH, WITH ONE FORMATION FLYING 2000 FEET HIGHER THAN THE OTHER DURING AT LEAST A PORTION OF THE PATROL. NO HOSTILE INTENT WAS INDICATED AND THE MIG'S RECOVERED AT PHUC YEN. AT 0310Z, AS THE MIG'S WERE PREPARING TO LAND AT PHUC YEN, ONE OF THE PILOTS REPORTED THAT THE "WORK WAS VERY GOOD". ALTITUDES FOR THIS FLIGHT WERE REPORTED AS 3200 TOT 9842 FEET. SIGNALS WERE IMPACTED AT 0237 AND AGAIN AT 0241Z, APPROXIMATELY 39 NAUTICAL MILES EAST OF HANOI, WHICH CORRELATES WITH THE POSITION OF HKIS MIG-- FLIGHT. 900 NNNN

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